

Appln. No. 09/806,837
Amdt. dated July 1, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 14, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Amendment.

Allowability for claims 14 and 18-24 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Applicants respectfully present claim amendments in an effort to advance prosecution. Applicants' amended claims are without prejudice to pursuing such appropriate additional patent protection in a divisional and/or continuation application. Amended claims 1, 2, 31, and 32 are presented so that the method is recited in alternative, but traditional, method claim format. It is not intended to limit the scope of these claims. Amended claim 26 deletes prophylaxis but without prejudice. Amended claim 28 is revised to address the formality objection.

Applicants have endeavored to respond to all matters in an effort to advance patent prosecution. If by chance the Examiner believes that some matter was overlooked, please telephone the undersigned so that all matters are resolved with a view towards favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions or proposals for successfully advancing patent prosecution, kindly telephone Applicants' representative.

Applicants respectfully request entry of their Amendment and respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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